

2025

Positron Emission Tomography Scanner Need Projection

Health Planning Area	2025 Projected Population ¹	Sum of Projected Cancer Cases ²	Projected number of cancer patients that may benefit from scan ³	Projected number of PET patients ⁴	Projected number of PET units needed statewide per HPA ⁵	Existing and Approved PET/CT Units ⁶	Projected Unmet Need (Deficit) or Surplus ⁷	Unmet Need (Type Unit Allowed) ⁷	Aggregate Utilization ⁸
HPA 01	775,599	3,560	1,780	2,492	0.91	3.57	2.6610	No Units Needed	35.8%
HPA 02	517,800	2,666	1,333	1,866	0.68	2.13	1.4528	No Units Needed	56.7%
HPA 03	5,726,572	27,536	13,768	19,275	7.01	19.94	12.9279	No Units Needed	55.3%
HPA 04	560,954	2,825	1,413	1,978	0.72	2.00	1.2808	No Units Needed	91.6%
HPA 05	570,085	2,858	1,429	2,001	0.73	2.57	1.8423	No Units Needed	59.7%
HPA 06	564,818	2,842	1,421	1,989	0.72	2.14	1.4191	No Units Needed	49.3%
HPA 07	526,532	2,395	1,198	1,677	0.61	1.27	0.6588	No Units Needed	79.3%
HPA 08	398,579	1,882	941	1,317	0.48	1.35	0.8662	No Units Needed	44.0%
HPA 09	155,240	654	327	458	0.17	0.27	0.1020	No Units Needed	54.9%
HPA 10	693,507	3,112	1,556	2,178	0.79	3.41	2.6134	No Units Needed	41.0%
HPA 11	371,088	1,764	882	1,235	0.45	2.07	1.6222	No Units Needed	34.1%
HPA 12	278,388	1,329	664	930	0.34	1.14	0.8042	No Units Needed	49.8%
HPA 13	399,307	1,809	904	1,266	0.46	1.00	0.5396	No Units Needed	68.8%
	11,538,469	55,232	27,616	38,662	14.06	42.85			52.7%

Notes and Sources:

¹ 2025 Resident Projected Population, Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, 4/1/2017 Release

² Projected cancer cases is determined by applying the most recent cancer incidence rates to the horizon year population. From "Age-Adjusted Cancer Incidence Rates per 100,000 (2013-2017)" reported by the Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry; Georgia Department of Public Health (<http://dph.georgia.gov/cancer-reports>); released 2019.

³ Projected cancer cases who may benefit from PET scans is 50% of the projected number of cancer cases.

⁴ The projected number of PET scan patients is determined using the actual ratio of Oncology to Non-Oncology PET scans from the most recent 2 years.

⁵ The number of PET scan units projected by HPA is determined by using an optimal utilization standard of 2,750 scans per unit per year. Projected number of PET patients is divided by 2,750.

⁶ Total Existing PET/CT scanner units reported. Mobile units allocated by HPA as reported.

⁷ Projected unmet need is from the sum of the existing and approved PET scanners less the projected number of PET scan units in the horizon year. Where the projected unmet need is greater than -75.0% a fixed unit is allowed. If projected unmet need is greater than -3.2875% but less than -75.0% a mobile site is allowed.

⁸ Aggregate utilization based on survey data for all units that were operational during 2019. Calculated by dividing the actual total number of scans by the capacity number of scans as if the available units were operating at optimal utilization. Aggregate utilization must be at or above 80% before new units will be approved.